# THE LAST Paper of Advice FROM IRELAND, GIVING AN ACCOUNT

Of the Posture of AFFAIRS as they now ſtand in that Kingdom, both with relation to the *Iriſh* Forces, and the Diſtreſſed Proteſtants in their Hands; as alſo the happy Proceedings and Succeſſes of the *Engliſh* Army there in this Month of *April*.

In a Letter from *Cheſter*, Dated *April* 19. 1690.

WE have heretofore had various Reports from *Ireland*, from which we could conclude no great matter of certainty, only in general we hoped things were not ſo well with the *Iriſh* as their Friends here induſtriouſly ſuggeſted; but this following Account that comes from a very good hand, doth now apparently clear the matter:

Mr. *Johnſon*, a perſon of undoubted reputation, who is lately arrived from *Dublin*, with other of his private concerns, relates, That beyond all their expectations, things are reduced to a great extremity and ſcarceneſs with them in that City; inſomuch, that the very Soldiers are in want, and are commanded in great and numerous parties in the Countries round, and without any Ceremony ſeize upon all the Corn they find, in whoſe poſſeſſion ſoever it be, and bring it as directed to the Stores in *Dublin*, which muſt leave thoſe poor Country people in very great ſtraits; and this Corn is meaſured and proportioned out to the ſeveral Bakers they employ, and upon deſivery, they immediately ſend out their Guards to thoſe reſpective Bakehouſes, leſt the wretched *Proteſtants*, as they call them, and are indeed

deed in a very deplorable condition, who dayly attend there, should get any part of it; for they are not suffered to have one morsel of it for Money, until the Soldiers have what is allowed them for their subsistence, which indeed is poor enough.

This scarcity hath occasioned many Complaints wherewith they have importuned the Government; whereupon they called a Council, and therein debated how to provide a Remedy for this growing necessity; and as commonly, their Counsels, if they can be any thing useful to the *Irish*, tend to some severity against the Protestants; It was by their ill-wishers vigorously proposed, that all the Protestant Women should be sent to the *North*, whereby they think not only to ease themselves, but create a new incumbrance and increase of the Protestants necessities there; a Mercy that they have not for the Men, for those they preserve to be sent to *France*, to indure all the hardships and severities that hath been designed and practised against the Bodies and Souls of Hereticks.

Beef that heretofore was sold for a Half-peny the pound, is now sold for Fourpence halfpeny, and all other flesh proportionable.

We have advice by some Sea-men lately come from *Munster*, That there was no Winter nor Spring Corn sowed last Season; which will surely seem credible to those who know what vast quantities and superfluities there were in that Kingdom.

Those two worthy Divines, Dr. *King*, and Dr. *Foy*, who as you have been informed, were formerly Imprisoned, are released, and permitted again to Preach; and some of the Protestant Churches are (tho') allowed them, on purpose, as is well understood, to keep up the pretended indifference, and Liberty of Conscience they have declared for Protestant and Papists. But the College that hath the considerable Revenue, and *Christ-church*, the place of greatest concourse, is kept for the Papists.

The chief Butcher of our Army in *Ireland*, who left the *North* the 15th Instant, says, That *Charlemont* is Invested; and the Country people are summoned in, in great numbers to make the Trenches, and to work in the Mines. The same person brought a Letter to a Person of Quality in *Chester*, giving an account, That our Army are in a very forward condition; That 'twas hoped to see him in his House in *Dublin* the first of *July*. It's probable our Army will take the Field the sixth of *May*. The Army having receiv'd their Pay, have sent over the said Butcher to buy them fat Oxen.

A Party of the Garison of *Belturbet*, being headed by an *Inniskilling*-Man, Marched in the Night to the Castle of *Killishandra*, and upon threatning to Blow them up, they immediately surrendred upon discretion, being in Number above Three Hundred, having had great store of Provisions.

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